sanctioned revised cost of the project at Rs. 554.22 crores including a foreign exchange component of DM 145.53 million. The revised commissioning date of the project is March, 1995.

The total amount of German credit provided for this project in the Protocol is DM 172.39 million. Out of this, an amount of DM 14.25 million has been utilised upto June, 1992.

Steps taken to ensure commissioning of the project as per revised schedule, inter alia, include timely acquisition of land, arrangement for rehabilitation of affected persons, mine development in accordance with the approved mine plan and provision of suitable clauses in the contract as safeguards against late delivery of equipment and delay in project construction by the General Contractor.

Staff of CIL in Delhi

4642. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers are working in Delhi office of the Coal India Limited for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) There are 46 executives of Coal India Limited posted at Delhi out of whom 9 are working for more than 10 years, 12 between 5 to 10 years and 25 for less than 5 years. The position of transfer of officers from Delhi is reviewed by the management from time to time as per the transfer guidelines of the company. Transfer orders of two executives posted at Delhi for more than 10 years have been issued.

French collaboration for coal mining projects

4643. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek French collaboration for coal mining projects;

(b) whether some agreement has been reached between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The following Coal Projects are presently under implementation with French assistance:

1. Kottadih (ECL)
2. Rajur (WCL)
3. East Katras Sub-level caving (BCCL)
4. GDK 10 and GDK 8 Incline Project (SCCL)
5. Training Centre at Burradhemo (ECL)

During the Eleventh meeting of the Indo-French Working Group on Coal held in Paris in June, 1992, the Indian side have requested the French side to consider the possibility of assisting India in setting up of an Integrated Coal Project consisting of an underground mine, a washery and a Captive Power Plant at Ananta (Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.) in Orissa. The other coal projects posed for possible future cooperation include R.K. New Tech. (SCCL), Ghusick Underground (ECL) and Bhanora West-UG (ECL). The modalities and details of these proposals will be worked out after the French side agrees in principle to the above proposals.